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"SAI ON" DISASTER FINDINGS "Reprehensible Practice" In Cargo Loading

Recommendations Of Court

That the system used in loading the vessel and berthing the passengers was a "reprehensible practice," that fire patrols should be instituted and clear spaces provided for unberthed passengers separate from cargo, were among the findings of the Marine Court inquiring into the "Sai On" disaster.

In the course of its findings the Court stated that while there had been some infringement of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance regulations, they were insufficient to justify a charge of wrongful act or wilful default of the Master of the vessel.

The full text of the findings follows:—
We find that the registered British River Steamer "Sai On" which was built in 1920 and owned by the Tung On S.A. Company, Ltd., arrived in the Port of Victoria about noon, on the 2nd February, 1947, and berthed alongside the west side of the pier known as the Tung On Wharf where she lay starboard side to.

There is no doubt in our minds that she was properly equipped manned and stored for the forthcoming voyage and that Robert Wether was the Master of the vessel.

The "Sai On" was due to sail for Canton at 6.00 a.m. on the 4th February, 1947, and all loading of cargo was completed about midnight on the 3rd-4th February.

Although a few passengers could have embarked the previous evening, it can be accepted that general embarkation did not commence until about 3.00 a.m. on the 4th February, 1947.

The Master estimated the number of passengers, prospective passengers and friends on board at the time of the casualty to be about 500, and we have no reason to doubt his estimate.

Austerities For Seven Years?

San Francisco, Feb. 25. The people of England can expect to practice self-denial for at least seven more years, Sir Robert Dalton, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Australia, said.

He declared that England's only salvation in international trade would be to increase production to the point where she can pay for her imports with her exports. Now, he said, as much production as possible must be diverted into exports—meaning the people of England can get little of what they are producing.

England still is heavily deficit on overseas trading accounts, he said, although developments were better last year than had been expected. "Great Britain will still have considerable trade deficit at the end of this year unless some miracle occurs that can raise production," he said.

Sir Robert is here en route to Geneva for the formation of an international trade organization.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

An anticyclone covering N. China and Manchuria is intensifying. Pressure also high E. of the Rockies. A weak trough lies across Japan and pressure remains low over the equatorial regions.

The Pacific is stable without direct deterioration. Weather fair or good, with patches of morning fog or haze.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 74°, min. 57°. Dew. Point 50°. Wind Direction S. Wind Force 8. 8 knots.

Capetown, Feb. 24. An African was found murdered near East London, a city in the Cape Province, Western Cape, South Africa. His body was found hanging from a tree in a wooded area.

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WARMER INSIDE THE FRIG.

London, Feb. 25. Frank H. Fisher, managing editor of British United Press, reported today:

"This is my suggestion.

After last night's frost the warmest place in my kitchen was inside the refrigerator.

Liquids inside had not frozen.

Liquids outside had."

R.A.F. HAVE "SORT OF" SYNDICATE

London, Feb. 24. Reference was made at a London court today to the existence of a "sort of syndicate" when Flight Lieutenant John Macdonald, of the New Zealand Royal Air Force, was summoned for being knowingly concerned in carrying 2,103 metal watch bracelets made in America and Canton and alleged to have been brought by air from Singapore.

A second summons accused him of carrying watch bracelets with intent to defraud revenue of the Purchase Tax. The penalties to which the defendant is liable on each summons were stated to amount to £5,846.

We are fully satisfied that the Fire Fighting Equipment was in good order, and in accordance with that prescribed by Regulations for an "Exiating Ship." He had having been laid before the 1st January, 1933.

Orientation

Our investigation was materially assisted by the preparation of a plan showing the distribution of the cargo on the main deck and the clearances available for the carriage of passengers, and after visiting the vessel we are satisfied that it is an acceptable guide to the general layout obtaining at the time of the casualty.

After considering all relevant evidence adduced before the Court, we are fully agreed that the fire originated about 14 feet abaft the centre line of the starboard after stairway leading from the Main Deck to the Upper Deck and measured from the base of that stairway. The general area would be about 9 feet forward of the leading edge of No. 4 cargo port on the starboard side and about 8 feet inboard. In this connection the sergeant in cross-examination said: "Oh yes, there are others in it I have no doubt!"—Reuters.

London, Feb. 25. Britain has appealed to the Argentine to rush shipments of meat to avert a further cut in the already meagre ration.

A Ministry of Food spokesman said that an urgent request for expedited shipments had been made through the Argentine Embassy because the meat supply is "very tight."—Associated Press.

A weak and watery sun beamed on most of England today and London's temperature soared to 36 degrees Fahrenheit but the Air Ministry could not say officially whether the end of Britain's gripping cold wave was in sight.

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Coal miners returned to work yesterday after a week's strike for higher wages. They included on their snow-laden streets in search of coal for their lamps. Coal miners reported that demand had increased all over the country and rates

What Food Parcels Mean To Britain

(By Margaret Bradbury)

More than 2,500 gift food parcels were sent from Hong Kong to England in the last two months by relatives and friends of families in the United Kingdom according to a post office official here yesterday, who said that this figure averaged only one parcel per eight persons among the European population.

As day by day letters arrive full to overflowing with gifts imported from the U.S.A., Australia and England—Postmen in England they must spend days so badly need themselves or face economic difficulties.

No one in Britain grudges people abroad their many luxuries but it must be galling to hear of cities overseas affected also to a great extent by the war, there are non-military conditions and clothing and food in abundance.

Here then are reasons why Hong Kong should send more food parcels to people at home who are in great need of the small extras that cost comparatively little in the stores here.

The maximum weight restriction imposed by the post office authorities have now been lifted from seven pounds to 22 pounds. That in itself may serve as a hint.

Thuds Preceded Explosion

Southend, Feb. 25.

A violent explosion caused by a broken gas main levelled two Southend houses early today killing a 60-year-old woman and injuring five others.

Firemen are searching the debris for other possible victims. The explosion broke windows on other houses along the street and shook the entire sea-side town.

Occupants of the houses said they heard strange thuds shortly before the explosion and both houses containing four flats fell like a pack of cards. The houses were flattened but they had received a direct bomb hit.

One occupant, feeling faint from gas, was on her way for medical aid when she heard the explosion and ran up the stairs behind her.

Sheila's strangled body with one shoe missing was found in a passage behind her Manchester house on Jan. 22. She was last seen alive two days before when her mother sent her on an errand.—United Press.

One-Shoe Murder

Manchester, Feb. 25.

Sixteen-year-old farmhand

Juvenile Court today charged with the "One Shoe Murder" of tiny Sheila Gowrie, aged 10, last January.

The youth's alleged statement said: "She started giving check and insulting me. I took off my belt and said I am going to hit her. I don't know what came over me. Then I was putting my belt on and she was dead."

He seemed to be shielding someone, added the officer, but he definitely said that he had brought them from Singapore and not someone else.

Detective Sergeant Marchant,

of New Scotland Yard, gave corroborative evidence and said that the defendant remarked to him: "You know what it is. The boys like to make a bit over the side."

The sergeant in cross-examination said: "Oh yes, there are others in it I have no doubt!"—Reuters.

Britain Awaiting The Great Thaw

London, Feb. 25.

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Britain's gripping cold wave was in sight, livelier by means of horse-drawn wagons.

Stocks Growing

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MAJOR RAIL DISASTER Nearly 200 Killed In Derailment

GANDHI SATISFIED

Chauralali, East Bengal, Feb. 24.

Gandhi today studied newspaper accounts of Mr. Attlee's statement on India and British and foreign relations, but made no comment.

Sources close to Gandhi believe he is taking the statement at face value until proved otherwise.—United Press.

Komagawa, Feb. 25. At least 178 Japanese were killed and probably 350 injured in one of the worst railway disasters in Japan's history today when four cars of a six-car steam train jumped the track here and plunged down a 30-foot embankment. Unofficial reports said a coupling between the second and third cars gave way as the train rounded a gentle downhill curve. The remaining four cars dove down the bank into a wheat field.

The engineer drove to the next station on a branch line before he found out he had lost a major portion of his train.

More than 350 other persons were injured. Some of these dazed-eyed, wounded men and women wandered aimlessly around the area while others were rushed to nearby overburdened hospitals.

Japanese railway officials expressed a fear the death toll might rise as more than 70 victims still alive were reported to be in a critical condition following the wreck this morning when four cars of the speeding train shot off a 30-foot embankment at a sharp curve near here.

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A Bill to raise revenue by the imposition of a tax of 10 per cent in respect of payment for the services of dancing partners, and a tax of 10 per cent on food sold and consumed in cabarets, is to be introduced at Legislative Council's meeting tomorrow.

Clause 5 of the Bill permits the Legislative Council by resolution to increase, decrease, recast, suspend or vary such tax. The word "suspend" has been used in preference to the word "abolish" which occurs in Section 3 (2) of the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930, for the reason that it is envisaged that, whilst it may not be desirable to abolish the tax altogether, it may be convenient in certain circumstances to allow the Legislative Council to grant such exemptions from the operation of the Ordinance, as it thinks fit.

Clause 6 of the Bill provides for the method of payment for the services of dancing partners and denotation that the tax has been paid.

A Deterrent

Clause 9 (2) gives a Magistrate discretion to suspend or revoke a licence. It is considered that this power would afford an effective deterrent against evasion of the tax.

The hire of dancing-partners in public dance-halls is ordinarily entrusted to an employee. Evasions of the tax therefore would usually be due to the acts or omissions of such employee. In the circumstances it seems essential to include in the Bill the provisions of Clauses 10 and 11. Clause 10 has been inserted to safeguard compliance with the Ordinance in the event that a public dance-hall be owned by a limited company. Clause 11 is considered necessary to certain defences which may be raised by proprietors of dance-halls.

They lined the dead up in two rows in a wheat field near here today and counted 178

London, Feb. 24. Mr. Ivor Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary for the Colonies, replying to an inquiry whether a commission would be appointed to inquire into the adequacy of salaries paid to Government servants in Hongkong, said the Colonial Secretary had agreed to the appointment of a salaries commission whose composition would be announced as soon as possible.

Mr. Thomas made no specific reply to the second part of the question—by Colonel Rees Williams, Mr. Thomas said the appointment by Colonel Rees Williams, Mr. Thomas, to Hongkong-service of an officer with trade union experience in this country had been approved and the Colonial Secretary hoped that a suitable candidate would be selected shortly.—Reuters.

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St. David's Day Programme

In common with other National Societies of Hong Kong, St. David's Society (Cymdeithas Dewi Sant) have planned a programme for the celebration of their National Day, St. David's Day, on Saturday, March 1st.

At a General Meeting of the members, a Working Committee was appointed consisting of:

President, Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones; Vice President Mr. J. R. Jones; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. A. G. Faber; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. M. Wynne-Jones and the Rev. A. Davies, R.N. and Mrs. Hooper.

The following programme has been adopted and it is hoped that as many as possible of the members of the Society and their friends would attend.

(a) A wreath in memory of Welshmen who lost their lives during the second world war, will be laid on the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m.

(b) A Nasom Llawen will be held in the hall of St. Joseph's College (Forces Educational Centre), Kennedy Road, at 7.30 p.m.

The entertainment will consist of a short play by J. O. Francis; "Birds of a Feather"; Welsh songs by a Quartet and Welsh Choir, together with community singing. A buffet supper will also be provided.

It is particularly requested that members should inform the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. M. Wynne-Jones, of G.P.O. not later than stating how many tickets they require.

(c) Arrangements have been made for the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, March 2nd at St. John's Cathedral to be partly Welsh. The Dean, the very Rev. A. P. Rose, has also kindly consented to some of the hymn tunes being favourite Welsh hymns.

It is particularly hoped that as many Welsh people as possible will attend this Service.

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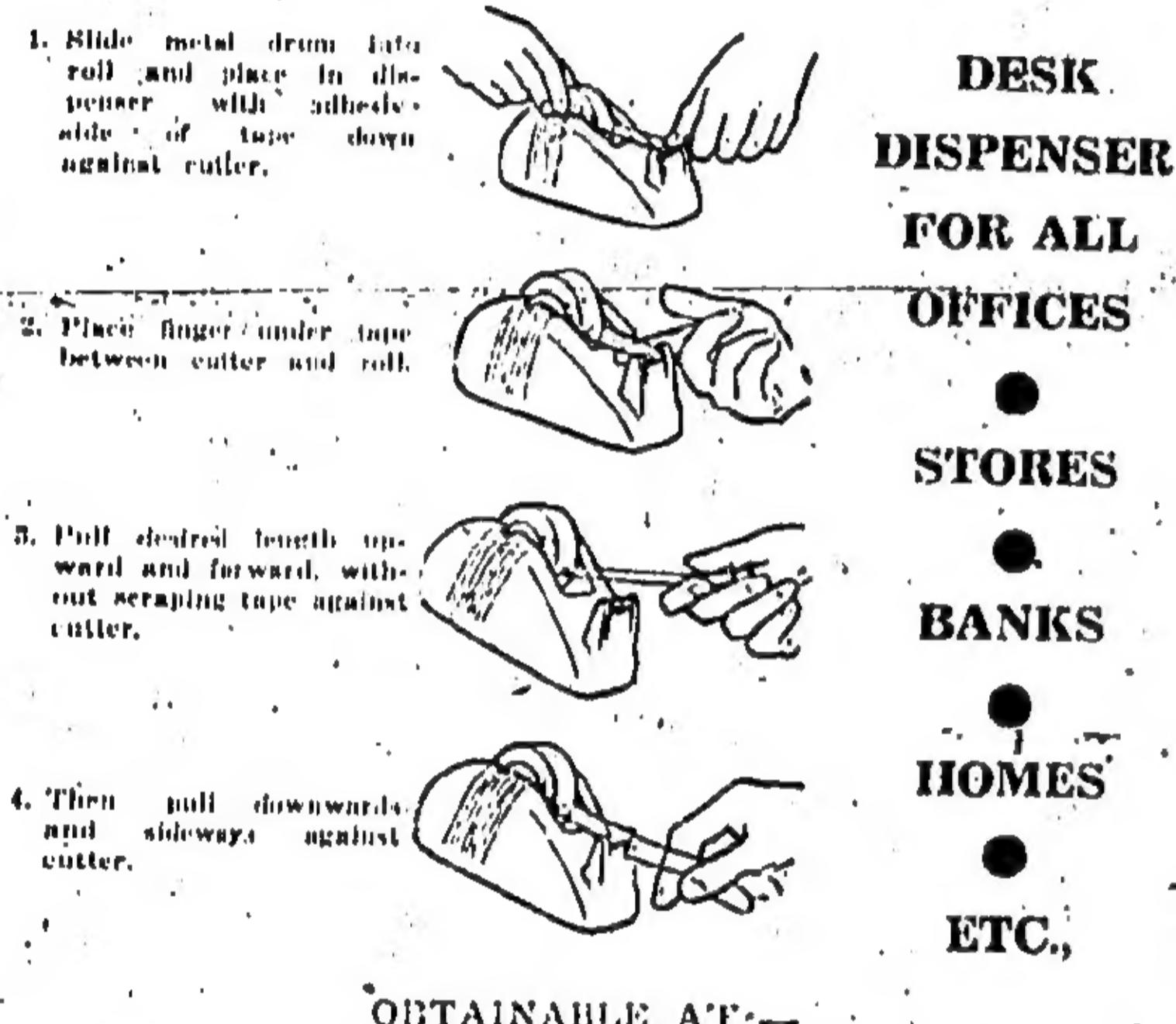
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INDIAN CHANGES PLEA: GETS SEVEN YEARS

After the Crown had presented 12 of its 24 witnesses at Monday's trial, Mohammed Yussuf Shah, pre-war Police Lance-Sergeant, at the resumed hearing yesterday changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty to all 23 counts laid against him under the 1940 Defence Regulations.

Shah was sentenced to seven years' hard labour by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould at the Criminal Sessions.

Passing sentence, His Lordship told accused that his counsel had said everything possible on his behalf and that if it were not for his meritorious services to prisoners of the Japanese whilst he was a guard, the sentence would have been much heavier.

Shah was sentenced to seven years on the first count; five years on the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 22nd; two years on the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, 11th, 12th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 23rd, and six months on the second count. All sentences are to run concurrently.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, assisted by ASP. O'Donnell, prosecuted. Mr. Leo d'Almeida Castro, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugo Jones, represented Shah.

Before entering a plea for mitigation, Mr. d'Almeida called nine witnesses and read a letter by Dr. Selwyn-Clarke to testify to accused's good character and meritorious service to prisoners held by the Japanese at the Supreme Court cells (former Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters) whilst accused was a guard there.

Inspector S. G. Smith, accused worked under him at Shatin before the war and in his opinion was trustworthy and of good character.

Inspector T. G. Mackay stated accused also worked under him before the war, was a good worker and had earned 10 medals for outstanding services in a Typhoon period. Witness said he formed a very favourable opinion on accused.

Rev. Father P. J. Joy said that while detained at the Supreme Court between May and August, 1943, accused was a guard and showed extraordinary friendship to him and other prisoners. Witness said he knew accused had helped a great many people there and undertaken very grave risks to help prisoners.

Helped Many

Father Joy recalled two occasions on which he saw accused being ordered by the Japanese to either slap a prisoner or beat a prisoner with a stick. On one occasion accused slapped the back of his own hand and beat the wall with the stick.

Father J. H. Casey, testified that he was detained at the Supreme Court together with Father Joy, and was grateful to accused for his help.

Mr. F. Tyndall, of the Gas Company, testified that during his five-week detention at the Supreme Court he never saw accused striking anybody but accused helped many prisoners, including himself, Capt. Ansari, Dr. Bunje, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke and Mr. Pasco.

Witness said he did not think he could have survived without accused's help, during the detention period when accused ran great risks—the death penalty if discovered by the Japanese—in smuggling food parcels as he was in bad health.

Mr. Tyndall said he knew accused also helped other prisoners in smuggling in and out of the cell food parcels, medicine and messages.

Mr. B. Pasco said he was arrested and detained at the Supreme Court together with Father Joy, Father Casey, Mr. George Kotwall, Mr. Koopal, Mr. Chester Bennett, Mr. Hyde and others.

Accused was very helpful to all the prisoners, including many Chinese, by bringing messages in and out, food parcels and medicine without any suggestion of

accused's help.

During a police raid on hawkers in Hollywood Road yesterday afternoon, a 59-year-old hawker, Siu Wing Chuen, was injured and admitted to Hospital.

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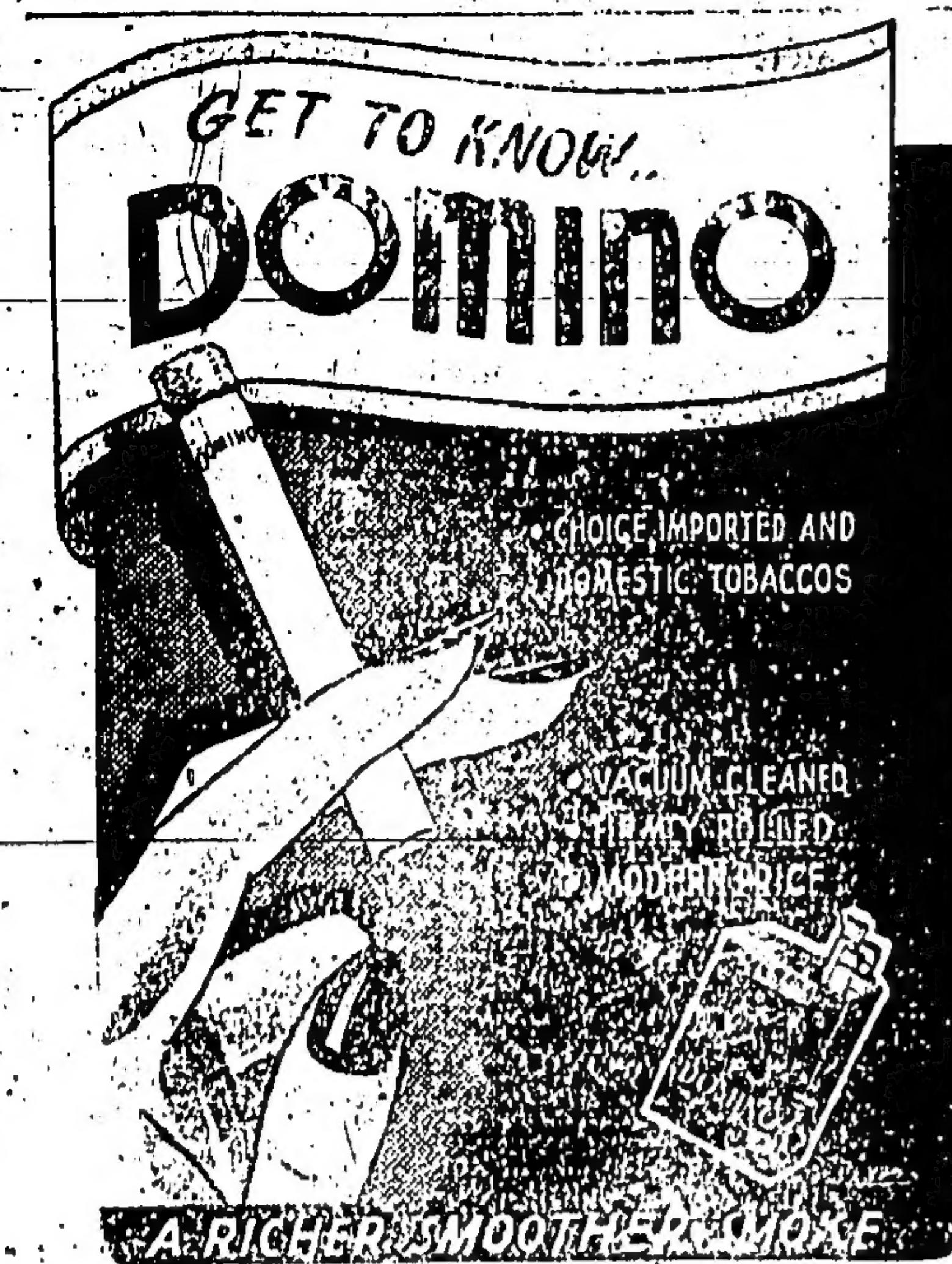
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New Premier's Radio Statement

Paris, Feb. 24.

M. Paul Ramadier, Prime Minister, announced a second price cut to be applied on Wednesday in a radio address tonight. The new five per cent cut will not be applied to wheat, metallurgical products, certain metals and alloys and to certain chemical products. Apart from these exceptions, the cut would apply to all commodities, even in cases where the selling price would be lower than the purchase price.

Lake Success, Feb. 24. The United States tentatively backed the British charges that Albania illegally laid mines in the Corfu Channel but Russia backed Albania and asked the United Nations Security Council to drop the case.

The United States delegate, Herschel Johnson, told the Council that the evidence presented by Britain "seems convincing."

Johnson favoured the Australian proposal for a 3-nation sub-committee to examine the case and sift the conflicting evidence in the disaster which killed British seamen in the Corfu channel on October 22.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko rejected the Australian proposal and sided with Albania in charging Britain with violating Albanian territorial waters.

Gromyko called for Britain and Albania to settle their differences by direct negotiations.

An Albanian spokesman denied that his country sowed mines in the channel.—United Press.

Calling on the people to accept the sacrifices implied in this policy, M. Ramadier said: "We know the second cut will be harder to bear than the first. It will not only eat into profits, but in many cases will make profits disappear altogether and even mean a real loss."

"This emergency measure seems hard, but it is necessary. Do not seek justice in all this. There is no more justice in a division of sacrifices than in cases of illness or death. We must accept the pressing evil in exchange for permanent good."

After describing the dangerous cycle of rising wages and prices, which existed in France in December before application of the first price cut by his predecessor, M. Leon Blum, M. Ramadier said:

"The vigorous and sudden appeal of M. Blum snatched France from the brink of the abyss. Prices stopped their mad climb. We must once again cool our economy with the breath of price reduction, bitter and cold, but as healthy as the winter wind."

Explaining why the Government had chosen the present time for the second price cut, M.

Ramadier said: "If the brakes were applied any later, the psychological shock would be lost, and the confusion more painful. It is always better to take action in time and accept the inevitable with courage."—Reuter.

Submarine Smuggler Captured

Rome, Feb. 24. The newspaper, "Il Messaggero," reports from Como today that a one-man submarine has been "captured" as Lugano after numerous profitable trips carrying smuggled contraband merchandise between Italy and Switzerland.

The submarine, only six metres long, made nightly voyages via Lake Como, carrying merchandise each way, including meat, rice, flour, textiles, tyres, watches and tobacco, including customs and border guards on both shores.

It fled the submarine was forced to emerge at the Swiss shore three days ago, was seen and seized at Lugano.—United Press.

Explosion In Phone Booth

Washington, Feb. 24. An unidentified man stepped into telephone booth in a downtown restaurant here today and was blown to pieces by what the police believed was a hand grenade or home-made bomb.

Patrons of the restaurant were jarred, but unhurt. Plate-glass windows were shattered.

An employee said the victim had been sitting alone for some time before he entered the telephone booth. The explosion occurred immediately after he went in.—United Press.

WHITEWASH SPLASH

Tokyo, Feb. 25. "Mainichi," one of Tokyo's leading vernaculars, splashed the entire front page of its early editions today with Dr. Ichiro Kyosei's defense of Hideki Tojo and the other co-defendants in the Tokyo war crimes trial.

The "Mainichi's" headline on Kyosei's speech was "Japan acted in self-defense; had no intention to subdue world."—United Press.

United States Of Europe

Hamburg, Feb. 24. Plans for a United States of Europe recently proposed by committed under the chairmanship of Mr. Winston Churchill and the idea of "unifying Europe through confederation" will be received with great interest by the German Christian Democratic Party, said Doctor Konrad Adenauer, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union in the British zone, today.

The European states of the Soviet Union should also belong to the European confederation proposed by Mr. Churchill, Dr. Adenauer said, adding: "Germany would be prepared to forego her rights as a nation under this new European order but the German people will not agree to the mutilation and tearing-up of its economy and territory."

Reuter.

CAPETOWN TRIAL

Capetown, Feb. 24.

Eight leading members of the South African Communist Party were committed for trial here today at the conclusion of a preparatory hearing of allegations of sedition and contraventions of the official Secrets Act.

Each was allowed bail of £200. The preparatory examination lasted 23 days.

The allegations arose out of a strike of Africans which started in the coal mines on August 12 last year.—Reuter.

MOSLEM STAND

New Delhi, Feb. 24.

The newspaper "Dawn," reflecting the views of the Moslem League, said today that Mr. Attlee's declaration on quitting India was the "obituary of the Constitutional Assembly" and asserted that the League would continue to insist on an independent state for the Moslems.—United Press.



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AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE ON AUSTRIAN TREATY

London, Feb. 24.

The economic clauses of the Austrian treaty were taken at a gallop at this morning's session of the special deputies for Austria. Proving to be easily the most controversial section of the treaty, the articles in question were rapidly disposed of on the basis of almost total disagreement and in this form they will go forward to Moscow.

Tomorrow the deputies for Austria hope to hold their last meeting.

An expected, the most controversial sections proved to be the definition of German assets in Austria and compensation to be paid by Austria to the United Nations property. On the question of German assets, formal drafts from Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States, which were tabled today, are to be sent to Moscow. There is also a

fourth informal French proposal.

Britain wishes to limit the German assets which must be handed over by Austria to the Allies to two categories—property which was German property before the Anschluss and property voluntarily handed to German nationals after the Anschluss.

Soviet Attitude

The Soviet wishes to include property seized by German nationals after the union and

property developed by German capital and labour.

M. Fedor Gusev accused the British deputy of failing to base his standpoint on the Potsdam agreement.

Lord Hood asserted that the British draft does refer to the Potsdam agreement and General Mark Clark indicated that, in the United States view, the trouble arose in interpretation of the Potsdam agreement.

General Mark Clark said that in the past 18 months, he had seen much misinterpretation of the Potsdam agreement by the Soviet Command in Austria.

Differences

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AUSTRIAN ALARM

Competent Austrian authorities assess that the sum which would be payable, if the British proposals were adopted, would be \$10 to \$50 millions.

There is also a strong feeling in Austria that the claim for compensation comes from Britain who recognised the annexation of Austria by Germany at that time.—Reuters.

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RICE SHORTAGE MAY GO ON FOR YEARS

Washington, Feb. 24.
The Committee on Rice of the International Emergency Food Council decided to warn all importing countries that exportable surpluses of rice will be considerably shorter during the last half of 1947 than during the current six months, it is learned authoritatively today.

The Committee decided to apply every possible conservation measure during the current six months as a means of insurance of some supplies in the leaner years.

The continuation of the present extreme shortage of exportable supplies is foreseen by the Committee, despite the recently reported outlook for an increase in rice production in the major producing countries.

The Committee looks for some improvement in the rice supply during 1948 but states it will be some years before the rice-eating nations of the world can expect to return to pre-war consumption levels.—Reuter.

Indo-China Hope

Singapore, Feb. 24.
A representative of the French Government in Indo-China told the food conference here today that the French authorities hoped to maintain the rice shipping programme for the first quarter of the year amounting to 67,000 tons.

This was in spite of the present Indo-Chinese troubles and the strike of Chinese rice millers now taking place at Saigon.—Reuter.

Latest quotations—
Canton, 2/15/47, 1065/25, 1065/26, Canton Loan, 31/2%, 112/2% ex-div., Wan Loon, 31/2%, 107-11/10, New War Loan, 31/2%, 108/2%, Victory Bonds, 4/2%, 121/2%, Silver Bond, 3/2%, 107/2%, 108/2%, 109/2%, 110/2%, 111/2%, 112/2%, 113/2%, 114/2%, 115/2%, 116/2%, 117/2%, 118/2%, 119/2%, 120/2%, 121/2%, 122/2%, 123/2%, 124/2%, 125/2%, 126/2%, 127/2%, 128/2%, 129/2%, 130/2%, 131/2%, 132/2%, 133/2%, 134/2%, 135/2%, 136/2%, 137/2%, 138/2%, 139/2%, 140/2%, 141/2%, 142/2%, 143/2%, 144/2%, 145/2%, 146/2%, 147/2%, 148/2%, 149/2%, 150/2%, 151/2%, 152/2%, 153/2%, 154/2%, 155/2%, 156/2%, 157/2%, 158/2%, 159/2%, 160/2%, 161/2%, 162/2%, 163/2%, 164/2%, 165/2%, 166/2%, 167/2%, 168/2%, 169/2%, 170/2%, 171/2%, 172/2%, 173/2%, 174/2%, 175/2%, 176/2%, 177/2%, 178/2%, 179/2%, 180/2%, 181/2%, 182/2%, 183/2%, 184/2%, 185/2%, 186/2%, 187/2%, 188/2%, 189/2%, 190/2%, 191/2%, 192/2%, 193/2%, 194/2%, 195/2%, 196/2%, 197/2%, 198/2%, 199/2%, 200/2%, 201/2%, 202/2%, 203/2%, 204/2%, 205/2%, 206/2%, 207/2%, 208/2%, 209/2%, 210/2%, 211/2%, 212/2%, 213/2%, 214/2%, 215/2%, 216/2%, 217/2%, 218/2%, 219/2%, 220/2%, 221/2%, 222/2%, 223/2%, 224/2%, 225/2%, 226/2%, 227/2%, 228/2%, 229/2%, 230/2%, 231/2%, 232/2%, 233/2%, 234/2%, 235/2%, 236/2%, 237/2%, 238/2%, 239/2%, 240/2%, 241/2%, 242/2%, 243/2%, 244/2%, 245/2%, 246/2%, 247/2%, 248/2%, 249/2%, 250/2%, 251/2%, 252/2%, 253/2%, 254/2%, 255/2%, 256/2%, 257/2%, 258/2%, 259/2%, 260/2%, 261/2%, 262/2%, 263/2%, 264/2%, 265/2%, 266/2%, 267/2%, 268/2%, 269/2%, 270/2%, 271/2%, 272/2%, 273/2%, 274/2%, 275/2%, 276/2%, 277/2%, 278/2%, 279/2%, 280/2%, 281/2%, 282/2%, 283/2%, 284/2%, 285/2%, 286/2%, 287/

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MURDER OF MASTER Schoolboy Admits Shooting

Stafford, Feb. 25.

Ten teen-age boys at an approved school in Staffordshire today confessed to slaying their Assistant Master and plotting the murder of their Headmaster because they were "fed up" with school.

The alleged confession, made by the youths' ring-leader, said that after the two murders the boys planned to steal school supplies and escape in a stolen car.

The ten boys, aged 15 and 16, appeared at a preliminary hearing today on charges of murdering William Fieldhouse, 21, their Assistant Master in the locker room of Stamford Park's approved school, on Feb. 15.

All were dressed in grey shirts and grey stockings and they lined up behind their attorney's table and silently watched the proceedings.

Their eyes turned to their Headmaster, T. Dawson, and members of the school staff at the alleged confessional described the murder plot against Dawson.

Fled In Storm

Dawson never wavered, as he heard the prosecutor, Mr. Parham, describe his plotted murders.

Parham said to have plotted their plan spontaneously frightened by the Fieldhouse shooting and fled into a snow-storm. The police rounded them up a few hours later near a railway line.

The alleged confession was interrupted by the defence who said the boys were not warned before making the statement. The court decided to postpone further reading of the statement until later.

The prosecutor and the ring-leader actually pulled the trigger but the other nine also were guilty of murder according to law. He said the boys planned the crime together and all ten witnessed the actual shooting.

Three Shots

Parham quoted one of the boys as saying he was in the

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11.30 p.m.—Radio Programmes Summary.

12.30 p.m.—Variety.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—"Songs We All Sing."

1.30 p.m.—A Piano and X Violin.

Arthur Schmalz (Piano) and Ruth Baldwin (Violin).

2.00 p.m.—"Clouds Down."

2.30 p.m.—"Lilac Crocus," The Andrew Sisters & Freddy Martin & His Orchestra.

2.50 p.m.—"London Relay: Home News from Britain."

2.55 p.m.—"We Sing For You," David Whitfield (Soprano) and Charles Kullman (Tenor).

2.58 p.m.—"Guitar 'I Love You Music'"—Clarendon Bennett Programme arranged by Lynn Fraser.

3.00 p.m.—Light Orchestral Favourites.

3.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

3.10 p.m.—Interlude.

3.15 p.m.—"London Relay"—A. Tark—Tina, O. G. Thorne, Jim.

3.30 p.m.—J. H. Quinn's Goblet Contest.

3.40 p.m.—"Stars Parade"—Stars & Film Favourites of Today & Yesterday.

3.45 p.m.—"Case for Paul Temple."

3.50 p.m.—"Captain O'Hara."

3.55 p.m.—"Twilight Melodies."

4.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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Leakage Of Army Secrets

London, Feb. 24:

"Leakages of secret military information which became the basis of articles in the Communist press," was the reason given in the House of Commons today for the searching of the kit of Captain M. B. Jones, RA, India Command, last month.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under Secretary for India, who stated this, was replying to Mr. Tom Driberg, (Lab.) who had asked if he was aware that at 6 a.m. on January 14 an officer of Military Intelligence who travelled specially from Calcutta and returned there the same day, searched the kit of Captain Jones, against whom no offence was alleged, read his personal letters, perused his books and removed private property, including eleven letters, a photograph, a used cheque book and bullet programme.

Mr. Henderson added that the adjutant of the unit was present throughout the interview and the officer, on being invited to show papers in his possession, agreed to do so.

Any expenditure incurred would fall on the Government of India.—Reuter.

K.B.G.C. BATS

Sydney, Feb. 25:

Superb batting by Hutton and Compton provided a grand spectacle on the fourth and final day of the M.C.C. match against New South Wales, but heavy rain at tea-time brought the match to a sudden end with a draw when the tourists were making a great bid for victory.

They were set to score 339 runs in their second innings in four hours. Mainly through Hutton and Compton the score was 205 for three wickets at tea with four hours and three quarters left when rain took a hand.—Reuter.

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